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Sub: NABH Accreditation

Dear Sir/ Madam,

National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) provides accreditation services since 2006. NABH accreditation for hospitals is based on defined standard. At present NABH provides accreditation to:

1. Hospitals (having beds more than 50)
2. Small Health Care Organisation (SHCO - having beds between 20-50). Eye Centres falls into the category of SHCO
3. Dental Centres (Official announcement would follow soon) – centre can in meantime follow SHCO Standards
4. Blood Banks/ Blood Centres and Transfusion Centres

NABH procedure requires a hospital to implement the standard for atleast three months before making an application. This is required so that there are evidences of compliance with standards. However, CGHS has given a timeline of making application to NABH before July 12, 2009, keeping this in view, NABH will accept application from hospitals even before three months of implementation and will give time to hospitals for completing the specified process of NABH. This will help hospitals in meeting CGHS timeline.

The detailed procedures for Accreditation (defined in Information Brochure) and other documents can be downloaded free from our web-site (http://qcin.org/nabh/index.php). The Application Form can also be downloaded free. **The flow chart describing the accreditation procedure is enclosed.**

Further, for correct understanding of Accreditation, NABH is organizing a series of awareness programmes across the country, the details provided as attachment.

Yours sincerely,

(B.K. Rana)
**NABH Accreditation Procedure**

1. **Appln. for accreditation** (By health care organizations)
2. **Self-Assessment by HCO** (By health care organizations)
3. **Acknowledgment and Scrutiny of application** (by NABH Secretariat)
4. **Pre - Assessment visit** (By Assessment Team)
5. **Final Assessment of hospital** (By Assessment team)
7. **Recommendation for Accreditation** (by Accreditation Committee)
8. **Approval for Accreditation** (by Chairman, NABH)
9. **Issue of Accreditation certificate** (by NABH Secretariat)

Time given by CGHS to Hospital is 18 months for getting NABH accreditation

- **3 months for Self-Assessment by HCO**
- **Feedback**
  - To Health care Organization
  - And Necessary Corrective